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FOR THE RECORD, FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF NO. 10'S
APRIL 7 STATEMENT ON THE PRESIDENT'S ERW DECISION:
BEGIN QUOTE: THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS THIS
DECISION BY THE PRESIDENT. THE PRIME MINISTER HAD
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT ON THIS ISSUE DURING
HIS EASTER VISIT TO WASHINGTON. THE DECISION NOW TAKEN
WHICH INVOLVES A DIFFICULT JUDGMENT ON POLITICAL AND
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MILITARY ISSUES RIGHTLY SETS THIS MATTER IN THE CONTEXT
OF ARMS CONTROL AND THE BALANCE OF FORCES ON BOTH SIDES.
THE SOVIET UNION HAS PROFESSED MUCH CONCERN ABOUT THE
ENHANCED RADIATION WARHEAD. THEY SHOULD NOW RESPOND TO
THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION BY MEASURES TO MODERATE THE
THREAT WHICH WE SEE FROM THE SCALE OF THEIR BUILDUP OF
BOTH NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE
TALKS ON SALT; TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE
TEST BAN TREATY; AND TO PROGRESS IN THE VIENNA DISCUS-
SIONS ABOUT MBFR. WE ALSO HOPE FOR PROGRESS IN OTHER
MATTERS WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING THE SPECIAL
SESSION ON DISARMAMENT AT THE UNITED NATIONS THIS
SUMMER WHERE WE HAVE ALREADY TABLED A FORWARD LOOKING
PROGRAM OF ACTION. AS PRESIDENT CARTER MAKES CLEAR,
SUBSEQUENT DECISIONS WILL OBVIOUSLY DEPEND ON THIS.
END QUOTE.

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